

## **History of Fairfax County Police Department's Auxiliary Police Officer (APO) Program**

*The Fairfax County Police Department has had an established Auxiliary Police Officer Program since 1983.*

*Over its history, the APO Program has continued to grow to its current strength of approximately 110 volunteers.*

*Our APOs are assigned to district stations and bureaus, working together with paid police officers, civilians, and other volunteers throughout the Department.*

*Fairfax County APOs have a wide variety of backgrounds and occupations. They live in and around all areas of the county.*

*Our ranks include lawyers, computer programmers, doctors, plumbers, business executives, secretaries, sales personnel, retired CIA and Defense Department officers, military personnel, government workers, managers and architects.*

*What they all share is a common desire to serve their fellow citizens and a great pride in their association with one of the nation's most professional and highly regarded law enforcement agencies.*

## **Basic Qualifications**

Applicants for the Auxiliary Police Officer Program must be:

- At least 21 years of age
- Not currently employed in any position that presents a potential conflict of interest
- Not currently an applicant for a police officer position in any jurisdiction
- In good health and willing to submit to a physical examination
- Without a criminal record or history of drug use (case by case)
- Successfully pass applicant exam
- Successfully pass polygraph exam



Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all county programs, services, and activities. Reasonable accommodations will

be provided upon request. Call (703) 691-2131, TTY (703) 204-2264.

To request an application, please call or email the Auxiliary Coordinator listed below.

Fairfax County Police Department  
Operations Support Bureau  
Traffic Division  
Auxiliary Coordinator  
3911 Woodburn Rd.,  
Annandale, VA 22003  
Phone: (703) 280-0576

[Auxiliarypolice@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Auxiliarypolice@fairfaxcounty.gov)

## **AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM**



**FAIRFAX COUNTY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**September 2006**



## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS**

The Fairfax County Police Department is seeking volunteers who are interested in becoming Auxiliary Police Officers.

Auxiliary Police Officers (APOs) are unpaid sworn law enforcement officers. They perform a variety of operational and administrative functions in support of the county's police department.

Some of the duties that the members of our APO unit perform include:

- Traffic and crowd control
- Patrol augmentation
- Augment DWI Checkpoint Strike Force
- Fingerprinting
- Crime deterrence
- Special Event Support
- Intelligence gathering

To become a member of the Fairfax County Police Department's APO Program, applicants are required to take the written applicant exam, undergo a polygraph examination, and submit to a thorough background investigation. Once accepted into the program, and before being sworn as law enforcement officers, volunteers complete a course of training of approximately 200 hours at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy.

The comprehensive training is an abbreviated version of the police academy that all fulltime officers complete. Training is conducted evenings over a period of approximately five months. In-service refresher training is conducted on an annual basis.

APOs are required to contribute a minimum of 24 hours of service a month, primarily nights, weekends and holidays so as to maintain their status in the program. When on duty, APOs are covered by risk insurance that is provided and paid for by Fairfax County.

Upon graduation from training and being sworn in as an APO, you will be issued a uniform and department identification. APOs are required to complete approximately 200 hours of field training within the first year of duty. APOs are authorized to operate police cruisers and other department vehicles.

Although APOs receive firearms training on an annual basis, they are not authorized to carry a firearm while on duty.



**Help keep  
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Auxiliary Police Officer  
Program  
as a sworn law  
enforcement officer.....  
YOU  
can make a difference to  
your community.**



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